

CLAIMS

1. A portable vehicle cover including:
 - a base frame;
 - a plurality of transversely extending hoop members, each hoop member adapted to be releasably connectable with said frame such that at least two of said hoop members substantially extend diagonally across said frame in a cruciform orientation; and
 - a flexible cover engagable with said hoop members to form a weather shield for a vehicle.
2. A portable vehicle cover according to claim 1, wherein said hoop members are substantially resilient such that they form substantially arcuate hoops when connected to said frame.
3. A portable vehicle cover according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein each hoop member is formed from two or more releasably connectable pieces.
4. A portable vehicle cover according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein each hoop member is formed from a single continuous piece.
5. A portable vehicle cover according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein one or more hoop members are adapted to be hingedly connected to said base frame.
6. A portable vehicle cover according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the end hoop members are hingedly connected to said base frame.
7. A portable vehicle cover according to claim 6, wherein said flexible cover includes a hoop engaging sleeve at each of its ends for slidably engaging with said end hoop members.
8. A portable vehicle cover according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said flexible cover is secured to said base frame utilising a plurality of flexible strap members having selectively adjustable lengths.
9. A portable vehicle cover according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said frame includes two transversely spaced longitudinally extending elongate frame members.

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10. A portable vehicle cover according to claim 9, wherein each elongate frame member is formed from two hingedly connected elongate portions.
11. A portable vehicle cover according to claim 9 or claim 10, wherein each elongate frame member includes one or more telescopingly connected extension for
5 selectively extending the length of said base frame.
12. A portable vehicle cover according to claim 11, wherein each elongate frame member includes two telescopingly connected extensions.
13. A portable vehicle cover according to any one of claims 9 to 12, including one or more transversely extending, flexible and selectively extendible tie members for
10 spacing apart said elongate frame members.
14. A portable vehicle cover according to claim 13, wherein said tie members are flexible straps.
15. A portable vehicle cover according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said base frame includes four tyre pads for retaining said portable vehicle cover with
15 respect to said vehicle.
16. A portable vehicle cover according to claim 15, wherein at least two of said tyre pads include two hingedly connected length adjustment portions.
17. A portable vehicle cover according to claim 15 or claim 16, wherein at least two of said tyre pads are hingedly connected to the base.
- 20 18. A portable vehicle cover according to any one of claims 9 to 17, wherein said base frame includes a plurality of hoop engaging sockets.
19. A portable vehicle cover according to claim 18, wherein four of said hoop-engaging sockets are hingedly connected to said elongate frame members.
20. A portable vehicle cover according to claim 18 or claim 19, wherein said hoop
25 engaging sockets are angled outwardly away from said portable vehicle cover.
21. A portable vehicle cover according to claim 20, wherein said sockets are inclined at an angle of between 10 and 20 degrees to the vertical plane.
22. A portable vehicle cover according to any one of claims 18 to 21, wherein each hoop engaging socket includes a releasable fastener for retaining the end of each hoop
30 member.

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23. A portable vehicle cover according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said portable vehicle cover includes a hoop clamp for releasably clamping at least two hoop members.
24. A portable vehicle cover according to claim 23, wherein said hoop clamp is in the
5 form of a hub for receiving one or more ends of said releasably connectable hoop member pieces.
25. A portable vehicle cover according to any one of the preceding claims including a centrally extending hoop member, two diagonally extending hoop members and two pivotally connected end hoop members.
- 10 26. A portable vehicle cover according to claim 25, wherein said centrally extending hoop member includes one or more pivotally connected extension arms for supporting said portable vehicle cover against said vehicle.
27. A portable vehicle cover according to claim 26, wherein said extension arm has a selectively extendable length.
- 15 28. A portable vehicle cover according to claim 26 or claim 27, wherein said extension arm has a suction cap at it distal end for engaging said vehicle.
29. A portable vehicle cover according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said hoop members are formed from a substantially resilient material such as fibreglass or suitable plastic.
- 20 30. A portable vehicle cover according to any one of claims 9 to 29, wherein each elongate frame member is substantially formed from tubular aluminium.
31. A portable vehicle cover substantially as herein described with reference to any one of the embodiments of the invention illustrated in the accompanying drawings and/or examples.